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Applicants : Tetsujiro KONDO et al.
 Serial No. : 09/972,384
 For : COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, COMMUNICATION DEVICE, SEATING-ORDER DETERMINATION DEVICE, COMMUNICATION METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM, GROUP-DETERMINATION-TABLE GENERATING METHOD, AND GROUP-DETERMINATION-TABLE GENERATING DEVICE
 Filed : October 5, 2001
 Examiner : Melur Ramakrishnaiah
 Art Unit : 2614

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required.
 The fee has been calculated as shown below.
 This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	84	Minus	** = 84	*0x	\$50 (25)	=\$0
Independent claims	12	Minus	*** = 12	*0x	\$200 (100)	=\$0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$0

- * If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.
- ** If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
- *** If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360(180) has been previously paid or is paid herewith .
- This response is being filed within the ___ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefore. This is a petition to request a ___ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
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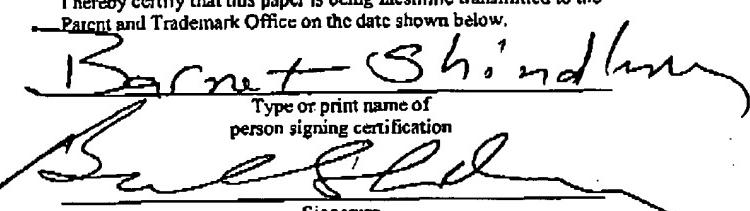
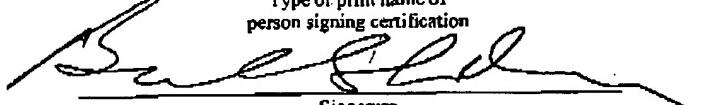
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2007, wherein restriction was required as follows:

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Group I claims 1-36, 39-59 and 62-82, which the Examiner characterized as being directed to "seating order in a conference; and

Group II claims 37-38, 60-61 and 83-84, which the Examiner characterized as being directed to "statistical measurement of information."

While Applicants do not necessarily concur with the Examiner's characterization of the claims, nevertheless, Applicants elect, **without traverse**, Group I claims 1-36, 39-59 and 62-82 for further prosecution in the present application.

Applicants reserve their right to file a divisional application to re-present the nonelected claims.

An early examination on the merits of the elected claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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